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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5   **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING A REMOTE DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM**

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for providing host information. A request is received for
10   host information for a remote computer from a requestor wherein the request includes one of a host name or an Internet Protocol address. The host information is received from a requestor. A media access control address and a subnet mask is identified using the
15   request, and a response is returned to the requestor, wherein the response includes the media access control address and the subnet mask.